

churches

Service of
Re-Dedication of
the Fourth Meeting House of
The First Congregational Parish
(Unitarian) of
Duxbury, Massachusetts
October 28th, 1840 October 27th, 1940
Sunday Afternoon
October Twenty-seventh
Nineteen hundred and forty
At four o'clock

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

MR. JAMES C. INGALLS, Organist

Processional Hymn, 498

Sentences, Invocation, Lord's Prayer

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Anthem

"Lift Up Your Head, O Ye Gates." . . . John L. Hopkins
MRS. MAY BLAIR McCLOSKEY, Choir Director

Scripture Lesson

Hymn

Written for the dedication ceremonies in 1840.

An humble temple, Lord, we raise
And consecrate with songs of praise,
O be our sins forgiv'n!
And may we here, with heartfelt prayer,
With conquering faith, our souls prepare
To worship thee in heaven.

Here, may the joyous spirit bring
To thee its holiest offering
Of gratitude and praise;
Here may the broken hearted bend
To thee, their Father, Guardian, Friend,
For righteous are thy ways.

Here may the contrite sinner find
A God of mercy, just and kind,
And ready to forgive;
Here may the pure in heart be blessed;
Here may the weary soul find rest,
And in thy promise live.

And when, O God, with faith's calm trust,
Beneath these walls, we, dust to dust,
Give back what thou hast giv'n,
Then may we sing redeeming love
In undecaying courts above,
Not made with hands, in heav'n.

Tune: Innsbruck, 359

Sermon

THE REVEREND ALFRED RODMAN HUSSEY
Minister-Emeritus, First Parish, Plymouth

Offertory

The offering will initiate a special fund, to be used solely for the upkeep of the Meeting House.

Offertory Anthems

"Bow Down Thine Ear"

A. S. Arensky

"O Holy One, We Worship Thee"

P. Kalinnikoff

Greetings from Duxbury Churches

THE REVEREND GORDON L. KING
Minister, the Pilgrim Church
Vice-President, Duxbury Council of Churches

The Gift for the Future

Greetings from the American Unitarian Association

THE REVEREND PALFREY PERKINS, D. D.
Minister, King's Chapel, Boston
Secretary, The American Unitarian Association

Act of Dedication (People standing)

To the glory of God our Father by whose favor our fathers have built this house; to the honor of Jesus, our Elder Brother, in whose name this house was built; to the praise of the blessed Spirit of God which gave the vision of this temple;

We dedicate this house.

For worship in prayer and song, for the ministry of preaching, for the celebration of the sacred ordinances;

We dedicate this house.

For comfort to those that mourn, for strength to those who are tempted, for help in right living.

We dedicate this house.

For the sanctification of the family, for the guidance of childhood, for the salvation of men,

We dedicate this house.

For aggression against evil, for fostering patriotism, for promoting civic righteousness.

We dedicate this house.

For sympathy and fellowship with the needy, for brotherhood with all men, for the unity of all who call and profess themselves Christians,

We dedicate this house.

For the building of character, for the giving of hope and courage to human hearts, for the teaching of morality, temperance and justice,

We dedicate this house.

For the reform of social wrongs, for the preaching of peace and love, for the hope of the kingdom of God in this world,

We dedicate this house.

In grateful remembrance of all who have loved and served this church; with hearts tender for those who have fared forth from this earthly habitation.

We dedicate this house.

We, now, the people of this parish, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, remembering the sacrifices of the fathers, confessing that apart from them our work could not be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worthy worship of God in this house which our fathers built, and to the constant service of God in the Christian service of men. Amen.

Prayer of Re-Dedication

DR. PERKINS.

Hymn

Benediction

THE REVEREND JOHN W. LAWS

Minister, First Parish, Duxbury.

Choral Amen

Postlude